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- ☒ Oath or Declaration of inventors(s) for DO/EO/US.
- ☐ Copy of Article 19 amendments. ☐ Translation of Article 19 amendments into English.
 

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- ☒ The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any.
- ☒ Copy of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER).
 

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- ☒ Preliminary amendment(s) filed **08 NOV 1999** and \_\_\_\_\_
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